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SUBJECT: PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. PRC PERFORMING ARTS DELEGATION ARRIVES (CONFIDENTIAL)

A COMBINATION OF STUBBORN US CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND EQUALLY INTRANSIGENT PRCLO EMPLOYEES MARRED THE ARRIVAL JUNE 28 OF THE PRC PERFORMING ARTS DELEGATION. THE HASSLE AT DULLES AIRPORT, WHICH CENTERED AROUND CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREWS OF THE TWO CHINESE AIRCRAFT, WAS RESOLVED ONLY AFTER WE CALLED IN AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS. WE BELIEVE PRCLO OF-FICIALS ARE REASONABLY SATISFIED BY THE OUTCOME BUT WE
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SHALL BE MAKING VERY CAREFUL ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF THE TWO PLANES IN EARLY AUGUST. THE PERFORMERS REMAIN IN WASHINGTON AT PRCLO UNTIL JULY 1 WHEN THEY WILL BE BUSSED TO NEW YORK FOR THEIR JULY 5 OPENING AT THE MET.

2. TIBETAN REVOLT AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT'S PASSPORT POLICY (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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FOR OVER TEN YEARS THE DEPARTMENT HAS LISTED CHINA IN US PASSPORTS AS THE PLACE OF BIRTH OF PERSONS BORN IN TIBET. A GROUP OF ABOUT TEN PERSONS, WHO DEMAND THAT THE PASSPORTS SHOW THEIR BIRTHPLACE AS TIBET, HAS RECENTLY GENERATED SOME 50 CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE PASSPORT OFFICE IS NOW SENDING OUT INTERIM REPLIES STATING THAT THE ISSUE IS BEING EXAMINED AS PART OF AN OVERALL REVIEW OF PASSPORT POLICY. L AND THE PASSPORT OFFICE ARE NOW TRYING TO COME UP WITH A POLICY WHICH WILL MEET THE DEMANDS OF SUCH PERSONS AS GERMANS BORN IN WHAT IS NOW POLAND, AS WELL AS TIBETAN-BORN PERSONS.

3. CODEL WOLFF (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

CODEL WOLFF TAKES OFF AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY AND WILL ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI JULY 3 AFTER STOPS IN HONOLULU AND GUAM. AT THE LAST MINUTE, CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. DANIELSON AND MRS. WINN DROPPED OFF THE CODEL AND HIRC STAFFER CHRIS NELSON WAS ADDED. I WILL BE AT ANDREWS TO SEE THE CODEL

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